## BEIRA, THE WILDEST TOWN IN AFRICA

Owned and Ruled by Portugese-Everyone Who Goes There is Arrested Sooner or Later.

Imagine, if you can, a squad of Bret tend a friendly claw. Imagine, if you can, a squad of Fret Harte's representatives from Poker Flat or Roading Camp, knocking elbows with reformed canaibals from Madagascar, Malays from Singapore, Parases from india, Jews from Moscow, Yankees from Massachusetts, demirept from Hamburg, half a dozen missionaries, crocks from Johnnnesburg, merchants from Paris and Berlin, 500 Englishmen, less than that many Chrese

chants from Paris and Berlin, 500 Englishmen, less than that many Chinese coolles and a pipeh of Japanese in the shape of almond-eyed tea girls imported by an Arabian slave dealer.

Keep in mind then that all this figure is ruled by a quick-tempered, dark-featured, sensitive Portugese from Lisbon, with the nid of a thousand little soldiers, who will accept a bribe or jab a sword into you with equal alacrity, who hate a real white man just a shade more than they detest the real black, and purposely limit their knowly-gides of English to the one word—"arrested."

CECIL RHODES ENJOYS BEIRA. That is Beira. Ceell Rhodes found the pracerso interesting has year the be preferred staying in a shanty with an American cowboy watching people from all over the earth get into trou-ble, rather than journey to Umtall, sixty miles way, where Sir Alfred his rather than journey to childh, sixty miles way, where Sir Alfred Milner, the newly-appointed British governor general, was waiting to meet him. The great colonizer probably regarded events with other than feelings of mirth, for if any one can be held responsible for this little bunch of his



The South African squatter has his own transen for camping in a desert and flirting with eternity in the shape of deadly fever grams. The glitter of gold is his 'caulstone. It is that which has turned the tide of emigration murchward, Johannesburg and Kimberly no longer afford opportunities to make easy momer, and great confidence is put in Coul librois' promise of good times and quick fortunes in Photesia.

These good times have thus far given no sign of materializing, but that vast press an American arrested between there's an American arrested there's and there's and there's and there's and there's and there's and there's an American arrested to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular agent, and taking up very close to the consular a

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tied, and it's a shame how we're treat-Englishman or American has no pro-tiesten. I see you were just going to knock these fellows down. If you do, they'll cut you up. You want to go along to the tronk with them, for they say there's a warrant out for the man

what I could be apprehended in this far away corner of the earth. An important little man in gold trimmings finally appeared and showed me a document containing my name. This warrant, be explained, was, however, of such a peculiar nature that he could not understand it. Another commissive who shortly arrived was equally purified. The two second on the point of coming to blows over the warrant, when the fac wearing the most lined grabbed the parchment and tore it in small pieces.

Thinking that I might throw some light on the matter, I ventured to rise and walk forward, whereupon both officials gazed at me with pity, which immodiately turned to fremay, and, shaking their fists, screamed some orders. Three politemen rushed me to a corner, looked at me very hereely and them strond by with drawn swords until another order broaght out a plation of gendarines. By them I was conducted once more down through the main street of Refra. what I could be apprehended in ar-away corner of the earth. An

BY ALLEN SANGREE.

Beira is the fourth stop on the left as you go up from Cape Town to Zanzibar. It grew yesterday. Today it is the wildest town in the world.

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RESCUED BY TWO GIANTS.

"Doan ged so fresh at vonce, young man," said this individual, when I made a somewhat hostile demonstration, "or I vill had you sent pack to jail vere you vill stay some time, yes!" He then explained that my arrest had been procured as a courtesy to the consul scheral, with whom I had had some difficulty. I was a total stranger in Ecira, and it was beginning to look ominous for me, when a movement at the door caused a dozen clerks, who had been called in from the counting brouse, to tumble over one another in frightened haste and in walked two of most powerfully-built men I have

One was tall and smooth-faced, with keen gray eyes, rather angular in fin-ish, but hardy-looking. He wore a white duck suit and moved about lightly on his feet like a trained athlote.

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LOCATION OF BEIRA, DOORWAY TO THE GOLD OF RHODESIA.

The South African squatter has his | "I hear there's an American arrested

evaporates like smoke, and Beira is a hid place to be stranded in.

I had the good fortune when arrested on a recent visit there to elicit the sympathy of two dars-deals whose reputation as haxers and men as action somewhat dampened Portugese brimstone, and thereby easily obtained my release, and the respect to the bar and have a sensation. Half a dozen men in Khaki nadition, penerally carries away the tryly scar of a short, blum sword.

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In or spany with Ralph Jewell, a Californian, who had spent some years in the Transvaid. I went to the Beach botel, took dinner, and afterwards, in corpory with an Englishman named Harts, strolled up the main street, to cast us eye about for some means of making a twellhood. While holding a discousion on ways and means, for the three of us possessed but a single England, and we're going to have this country some time. We must get Delagonal to gendarmes. Grabbing me by the arms, they pointed up the street, and jabbered that familiar word, "arrested."

ARRESTED BY THE PORTUGESE. "Don't make a move, stranger," called out a man who wore high cavely boots, as he ran up to us. "You'll make the mistake of your life. Take my word for it, there's only one law in the deal of its a shame how we're treat."

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This is the secret of the friction twixt populace and soldlery in Beira. The town itself is not worth two cannon balls to the English, but it is the key with the white Alpine straw."

There was no alternative, and cursing the day I bought such a conspicuous hat, I marched to jail, accompanied by my two friends, all wondering for exception of Cape Colony, Natal and the little shore of Zululand, Great Britishes I could be apprehended in this

inites. One is the natural outlet to the matter, I ventured to rise rward, whereupon both officers are with pity, which immed to frenzy, and shaking are both affician passenger training which formerly was carried almost entirely by the English lines from Sauthampter of the Cape Town and Durban, by way of the drawn swords until another was conducted down through the main the fravorite passings is by way of the favorite passings in the favorite for the formers, and the fleter runners always pretend that the favorite passings or ruling with animal spirits, and the fleter armners always pretend that they are horses or some other animal. They kick with animal spirits, and the fleter armners always pretend that they are horses or some other animal. They kick with animal spirits, and the fleter runners always pretend that they are horses or some other animal. They kick with animal spirits, and the fleter runners always pretend that they are horses or some other animal. They kick with animal spirits, and the fleter runners

a large bay into which flows the Pung-wee river; the grand plaza is a nuge swamp where decaying vegetable mat-ter neurishes deadly miasma. The country for a long distancy inland is simply reclaimed seashore, and is so low and flat that the tide goes up the river forty-five inliea and if you dig one foot in the sand anywhere, water bubbles up.

In addition to the iron shauties there are light weather board houses, shipped out in pieces from Norway and Sweden; and on the Point, where life is more endurable, the well-to-do cilizens have erected decent little villas. The life of the town is centered in two hotels, one at either end, and everyone take a personal interest in the rivalry between them. The Beach is situated near the boat-landing on the bay, and is owned by Roland Creech, ex-sheriff of Butte, Mont. The other rejoices in the name of Rôyal, and has for its proprietor a ferret-faced Frenchman, who knows the game of fare.

As a stranded American with good intentions, Mr. Reeder, who is a brother-in-law of the ex-sherifi, insisted on my accepting the hospitality of the Beach

I know you want to get back. But look out for these little policemen."

A BALL AND A FIGHT.

I had an opportunity the first night of witnessing a little fray that well il. lustrated the doings of the police. The governor held a grand reception in the Royal hotel, to which all the prominent Portuguese, the French. English and the German merchants had been invited. In spite of the mercury drifting about high in the nineties, everyone came in immaculate evening dress, for the English customs have taken hold there, and the women wore their most elaborate tollets.

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Nero, such was the contrast between 
the beautiful women in very decollette 
owns, sparkling with jewels, and the 
talwart blacks, clad only in a jack 
strap, who trundled up the little palanruin cars, decorated for the occasion 
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As each car unloaded its burden a aptain of police would hurry it off to take room for another, facilitating the novements of the rear guard with the

make room for another, facilitating the movements of the rear guard with the flat of his sword.

In the crowd there were constant bickerings and half a dozen knock-downs occurred, but when the police arrived they could find no one to arrest. Sneers and jeers at the expense of the soldiery were indulged in, too, and by the time all the guests had arrived the little fellows were bursting with rage and hankering to cut loose on an Englishman. When the opportunity came they lost no time in making use of it. Twenty police had been formed in two lines across the sidewalk, forming a sort of gauntlet, through which the guests walked into the building. This was maintained in a straggling fashion long after the festivities had commenced and the crowd dispersed; still pedestrians were ordered to walk out in the street.

A Scotchman named Muirhead, a plumber in Belra, with two companions, all feeling a little jolly, happened along at this time and walked through the file, testling some policemen. In a

While others were crying, "All Englishmen lend a hand," "They're killing an Englishman," and "It's black ngainst white, boys," Foraker chucked away his cue and grabbed the first Portugese he reached, throwing him bodily about fifteen feet. The rapid "chunk" of his fists was music and he worked them like a machine. He had almost reached Muirhead when the blast of a bugle was heard and around the corner came a platoon of soldiers from the barracks, half clad and with fixed bayonets. To remain longer under the fire of Martini rifles which was about to follow would have been sure death; so the relief party retreated to the billiard room and held an indignathe billiard room and held an indigna

the billiard room and held an indignation meeting.
This availed nothing, for Muirhead spent the night in jail without having his wounds dressed and was carried home next day after paying a fine of £25. The British consul refused to do anything, though petitioned by the English and American citizens.
Captain Foraker was in for arming all the English and straightway assaulting the jail, and was disgusted because no one would follow his lead. He

cause no one would follow his lead. He left the billiard room in a very bad humor, but after poking three or four blacks in the ribs to hear them whoop, he regained his usual joility.

CAR FOR EVERY RESIDENT.

The streets of Beira are ten feet deep with sand, so it is impossible for a horse or ox to navigate there. Indeed there is not a single horse in the town there is not a single horse in the town and only one carriage. This belongs to the governor, who has it brought out of a shed once a monto and ostentationsly washed by his black boys.

There is a street railway, however, on which the blacks are utilized as motive power. The gauge on this road is two and one-half feet, the rails having a sincle flance, and the iron ties are

a single flange, and the iron ties are laid on heavy boards to keep them from sinking out of sight. Every fam-ily that can afford it has the road built to the front door, where they can get in their private car and be trundled about on business or absorpt to feet about on business or pleasure by four natives. These fellows push the car along at a lively clip, their ebony backs glistening in the heat rays, and making a great hubbub.

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By and burban, Detagon to protect you from the sum, and those built especially for the ladges to travel in have little curtains down the side. By tight squeezing, four persons can sit on the two seats, which face each other, and in the open.

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black steamers of the British India line put in there every week, britiging from the Grient every species of humanity; and there are several coast steamers which do a good trade with Madagascar in meats and vegetables.

Beira has been selected for this probationary gathering, because it is cheaper to reach that the faland towns of Bulawayo and Salisbury. Mozambique is only ninety miles wide at this point, so that British terrifory can be reached in a few days trip by way of a little railroad which is in process of construction.

A CITY OF TORRID SWAMP.
Beira itself is a combination of sand, torrid enervating heat and corrugated iron shantles. For water front there is a large bay into which flaws the Punisse river; the grand piaza is a large swamp where decaying vegetable matter nourishes deadly miasma. The country for a long distancy inland is so low and flat that the tide goes up the part of the present grown was thronged with a mottey crowd, all roaring the chorus of "Oh, the Soldlers of the Queen" and "Down one flow flaw was heard, and the singing was samply reclaimed seashore, and is so low and flat that the tide goes up the part of the process of the colonizer stock in trade. In the remotest scotlons of Natal, where a few finisher for the flam of the colonizer stock in trade in the colonizer's stock in trade. In the remotest scotlons of Natal, where a few finisher, there were hadded together, in the heart of black land, we never falled to find a plano.

Captain Foraker struck a few chords on this one, and in a few moments the room was thronged with a mottey crowd, all roaring the chorus of "Oh, the Soldlers of the Queen" and "Down one five flow flow who delighted in seeing other persons get into trouble. "Let's see it."

In the barroom a ring had been in the protection to all.

low and flat that the tide goes up the river forty-five miles, and if you dig one foot in the sand anywhere, water bubbles up.

In addition to the iron shantles there all evening, were moving about in true pugilistic style. Presently they mixed it up, and for six rounds boxed very roughly, but with some science. The fight was interrupted by a black boy, who announced that the guard was coming on the midnight rounds. The two fellows were hastily pushed out into the court and there resumed fight-ing after the guard had passed. "What are they fighting about?" I asked Captain Foraker.

FIGHTING FOR THE JOY OF IT.

"Oh, nothing in particular," he laughed. "Just fight because they like it. They're the best of pals, and have lived together from boyhood. I fancy they see so much of each other that they get tired and vary the monotony in-law of the ex-sheriff, insisted on my accepting the bospitality of the Beach hotel until the next German steamer arrived, although there was no outlook for remuneration, and I was a total stranger to him. "You're a long ways from the Bowery," he said, "and I know you want to get back. But look out for these little policemen."

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from Rangoon calling for a pilot to take her in the harbor. A DEATH BLOW TO ENTHUSIASM.

The Materialism of Modern Life Is Responsible For the Blase Child.

(New York Evening Post.)
The nil admirari tone of the young men and women of our day jars neinfully on those of their elders who, nourished in a simpler school, have never forgotten to be young in heart. The difficulty of arousing enthusiass in the average city-bred youth of The difficulty of arousing enthusiasr in the average city-bred youth of either sex, unless it may be for an athletic contest or a favorite actor, is really incomprehensible to their grand-parents. Many a dear wrinkled face will light up with the quick appreciation and sincere eagerness of admiration which arises from hearts younger in every element of feeling than those which mark the ebh and flow of the life-blood of men and women fifty years their juniors.

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---COLORADO MAN SOLVES A DIFFI-CULT PROBLEM.

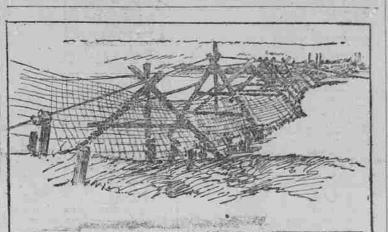
Means Discussed of Stopping Pelagic Seal Fishing-Herding the Wild Seals-Official Rockeries.

(Special Correspondence.)

SEALS thorities with but little favor at first, but consent was finally given to have the experiment tried. Those opposing it expressed a fear that if the branding die not absolutely destroy the life of the scal, it would impair its reproductive faculties. The experiment was first tried upon adult scale. A full-grown seal with a pup at her side was first to be branded, and the iron was brought to a white heat and the animal branded to the very click, yet but little pain was manifested by the seal, and as soon as the operation was done the old seal went to her pup and caimly nursed it. After some 35 adult female reals had been branded, the branding was confined to pup seals between the age of three and four months. The entire back of the animal from hip to shoulder, is gridirousd with deeply-burned scars, so that the ing did not absolutely destroy the life with deeply-burned scars, so that the skin is rendered absolutely valueless for the manufacture of furs, and the animal is left to breed by the open sea

HERDING WILD SEALS. The special agent then directed his efforts to the preservation of the male (Special Correspondence.)

Fort Coilins, Coic. Nov. 25.—One man's originality has done more to set the the scaling question that has yexed four nations for forty years than any other one thing. And this man was neither a diplomat nor a great international lawyer—he was simply a spe-



NETTING FOR HERDING WILD SEALS.

cial agent for the United States treas-ury department, who went quietly to Alaska and lived there for ten years, harems, while the non-breeding males

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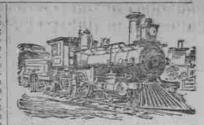
until he solved the problem.

His remedy was as astonishingly simple as it was original. He suggested ruining the skins of bresding wild seals by branding, thus making them valueless to the pelagic fishers, who have caused so much trouble and loss along the Canadian coast. When he proposed this plan to the government, this and the idea of tencing in wild scals, it was rejected at first with scorn. Later it was accepted and since it has been put into practice the conscienceless pelagic sealers have been put to it to making a living.

Just recently Joseph Murray, who was this quiet but most important factor in the seal question, returned to his home in Fort Collins, Colo., after tem years in Alaska. He brought his report with him, but before he could present it he was suddenly stricken with paralysis and died on Oct. 4.

SEALING AT ITS LOWEST EBB.

A few days previous to his decease he favored the writer with two interviews, and talked quite freely upon the subject of the seal fisheries. Seal fishing, he said, was at its lowest ebb since 1834. This year there were killed on sealers have become well nigh discouraged and offer to give up the business providing the government will reimburse them for the cost of their vessels



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